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Valley aid to Bosnia delayed

By TIFFINIE P. MCENTIRE
Valley Star Staff Writer

An effort to get dry goods and medical supplies to Bosnian civilians by a Valley College student has been delayed.

The goods purchased by local student, Jane George, were to be sent to Bosnia via the S.S. Lane Victory, which was to depart from San Pedro on Sunday. George purchased the goods with \$129.85 donated by Valley College students.

The initiator of this humanitarian effort, Stewart Resmer, told those who donated their time and money that "your goods are on rail to New York, and are expected to arrive in Bosnia on approximately May 15."

"I heard about Stewart's idea on (radio station) K-CRW last Wednesday," said George. "He's not a political organizer, not affiliated with any organization. He's a Vietnam veteran with a 19 year old son, and he's really disturbed about all these wars and American intervention, and the draft."

"While he was working restoring an old World War II ship, the Lane Victory, he got this idea," George said. "He figured that the ship was already going to Europe for a D-Day celebration, so why

not see if they would be willing to take over humanitarian goods."

Resmer received an okay for the use of the S.S. Lane Victory in his humanitarian effort, under the pretense that he would raise money for fuel. On his own accord he raised \$250,000 to fuel the ship and contacted K-CRW looking for support from others concerned by the civil war occurring in Bosnia.

After passing the information along to K-CRW, Resmer fielded approximately 300 phone calls from people in the Los Angeles area, one of them being George.

"I went around to three classes and asked if anyone would be interested in donating money for purchasing food and medical supplies to Bosnians," said George. "It was great, one guy wrote me a check in my name! It's amazing how trusting people are."

George and her family took the money donated by Valley students, went to Price Club, and loaded up their van with necessities destined for Bosnia.

"We got down to San Pedro Saturday night and there were three people working, Stewart, a guy who lives on the docks, and this woman whose grandfather was a merchant marine."

The donated goods will be taken to France and given to the Red Cross who will then distribute the



Former U.S. President Richard Nixon, who passed away last Friday, poses with Valley student Arline Ballanoff in 1960. At this time Nixon was the U.S. Vice President.

food, clothing and medical supplies to Bosnian civilians.

"Diddy Diapers donated 8,000 cotton diapers," said George. "This is great because they can use them for wounds and everything."

Aside from the diapers, which

comprised about half of the supplies donated, there were three large gaarbage cans filled with medical supplies, a large donation of clothing and some food.

"I raised 8,000 pounds of goods in six days thanks to K-CRW," said Resmer. "I'm ready to get another bunch ready to go soon."

This effort to send Bosnian civilians supplies will not be the last from Resmer. He informed those who called and made donations to call him in 30 days. His next step is to raise enough money to purchase a large metal container to start sending goods over on a continual basis.

ASU election brings recount and illegal advertising accusations from Student Union members

By LAURA DENIS
Valley Star Staff Writer

The elections for Associated Student Union officers took place on April 21 and 22. A runoff election

has been scheduled and questions have been raised about the use of illegal flyers.

A runoff election has been scheduled for May 3 and 4 for the offices of president and vice president. The candidates for president are

Ben Padua and Frank Cramblitt. The candidates for vice president are Jesse Dominguez and Marina Gonzalez.

The student representative fee will also be on the runoff ballot. The ASU is asking permission of

the students to collect one dollar at the time of registration. The money is to be used for lobbying purposes only to fight fee increases. The fee is totally voluntary.

All the uncontested offices for commissioners won because they received the required percentage of "yes" votes. Jozef Essavi won for treasurer.

A question has been raised as to the illegal posting of campaign flyers throughout the school. According to election rules no flyers can be posted unless they have a stamp of approval. It is also an election rule and a state law that flyers cannot be posted on glass surfaces because it is a fire hazard. LAVC police also said that the flyers must be removed.

On Tuesday, April 19 David Tuckman, Commissioner of Jewish Concerns announced at the ASU meeting that no flyers were to be placed on glass surfaces. Flyers for Frank Cramblitt for president as well as flyers promoting Eric Maas, Marina Gonzalez and Jozef Essavi were illegally posted.

The elections committee consisted of all commissioners who were not candidates. This was determined when the commissioner of elections resigned on Tuesday, April 19 and Don Graham, ASU President used his executive authority and assumed the responsibility of the election.

William Jung, Commissioner of Aids Awareness, William Koegler, ASU Historian and Tom Jutueta, Legislative Director who were

members of the election committee confronted Maas on Wednesday, April 20 about flyers that were posted both on windows and without an approval stamp. Jung said Maas told them to, "Mind your own business." Maas confirmed this quote and added that, "I admit illegally placing flyers but until I am told by an authority I'm not going to take them down."

On Thursday, April 21 on the first election day Jung warned Maas again. Maas went to Sam Mayo, Dean of Student Services at which time he was reprimanded and told not to post the flyers on the windows.

Maas said, "I did not continue to illegally post but I did not pull any flyers down because I was too busy campaigning." The flyers that were taken down were done so by the custodians and LAVC police.

Thursday evening Jung confronted Maas again about a flyer that was posted on the window of the bookstore at which time Jung said Maas walked away. Maas said, "I didn't take down my flyer because Frank Cramblitt had a flyer posted next to mine."

After speaking with Mayo, Maas announced that he was going to file a grievance against Jung with the school because Maas said, "I felt he was obstructing the election process."

Jung replied, "The procedure was not followed correctly. They decided not to file the elections committee."

News Notes

New Horizons Center News

The New Horizons Center for single parents and returning homemakers invites you to a video presentation April 28 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Humanities 111 about finding childcare.

Professional Development

A tour of Latino communities will be led by Emma Sandoval, Director of Plaza de la Raza on Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This activity has been approved for six half hour of Professional Development credit. For reservations contact Jeanne Polak.

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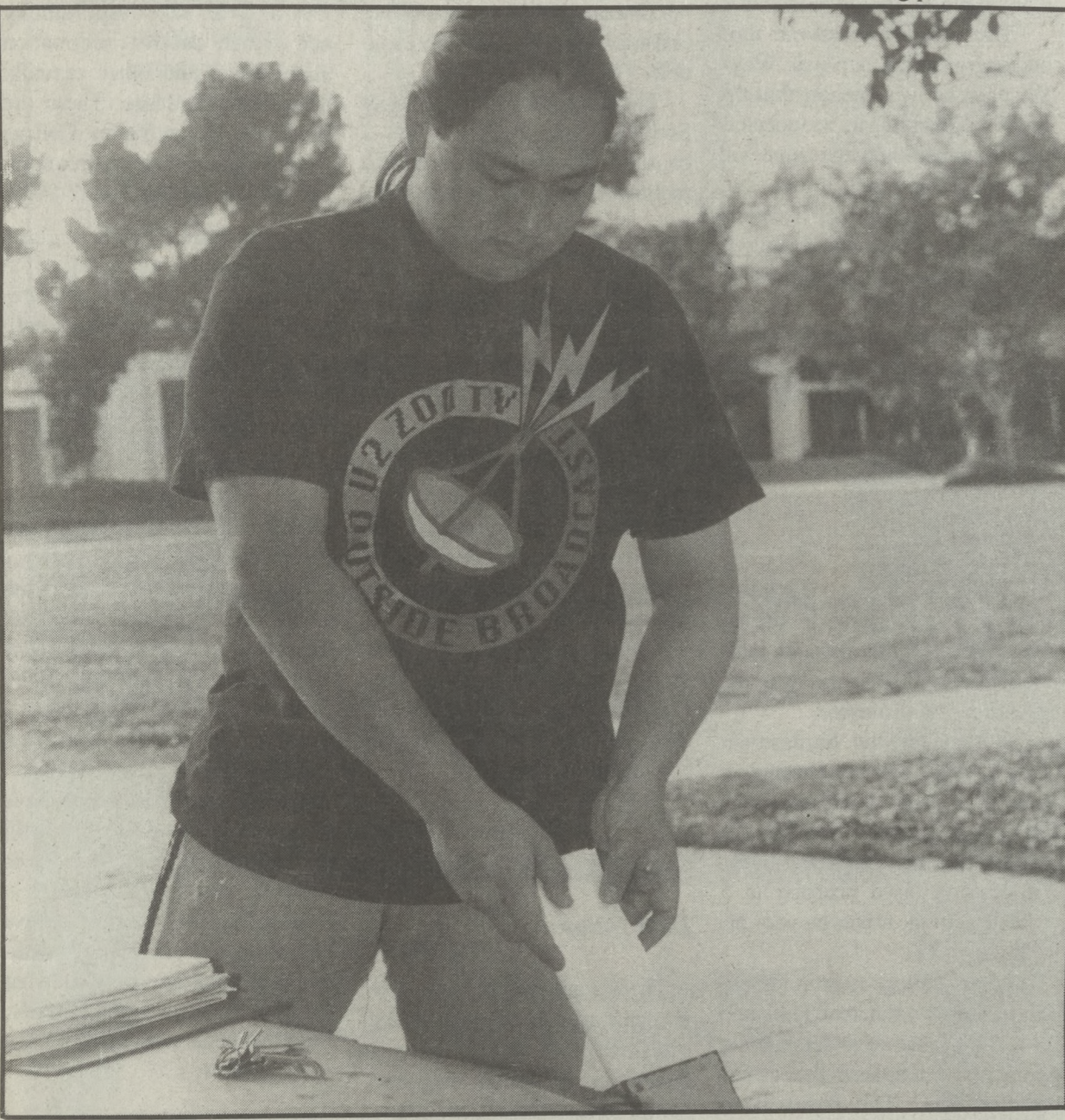
"Springing out for Fashion '94" fashion show and design student award presentations is Thursday, May 5 in Monarch Hall at noon. Door prizes and refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

Board of Trustees

Next scheduled regular meeting is Wednesday, May 4 at 12:30 p.m. The public session will commence at 3:30 p.m. in the Educational Services Center Board Room, 770 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, Ca. 90017.

Runoff Election

A runoff election for ASU President and Vice President has been scheduled for May 4 and 5. The candidates for president are Ben Padua and Frank Cramblitt. Vice president candidates are Jesse Dominguez and Marina Gonzalez.



MEL CAMELLERI/VALLEY STAR

Current ASU president Don Graham votes in last week's Student Union elections.

Editorial

Safe sex: No glove, no love

In a world where AIDS, other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and unwanted pregnancies are commonplace, it is a wonder that young people today are not all using condoms.

Although there is no such thing as "safe sex," there is "safer sex." Abstinence from certain sexual activities is the only sure-fire way to keep oneself free of sexual diseases.

If you are going to engage in sexual activity, condoms are the only effective method. A diaphragm or spermicide alone is not good enough. Using a condom could be the most important decision you ever make. It might just save your life! No sexual encounter, no matter how fantastic, is worth dying over.

AIDS is no joke. It is an equal opportunity killer. AIDS in heterosexuals is skyrocketing. Straight or gay, no one is immune to this devastating disease.

While other STDs or unwanted pregnancies need not result in death in

today's world, AIDS is for keeps. If you get AIDS, you will die.

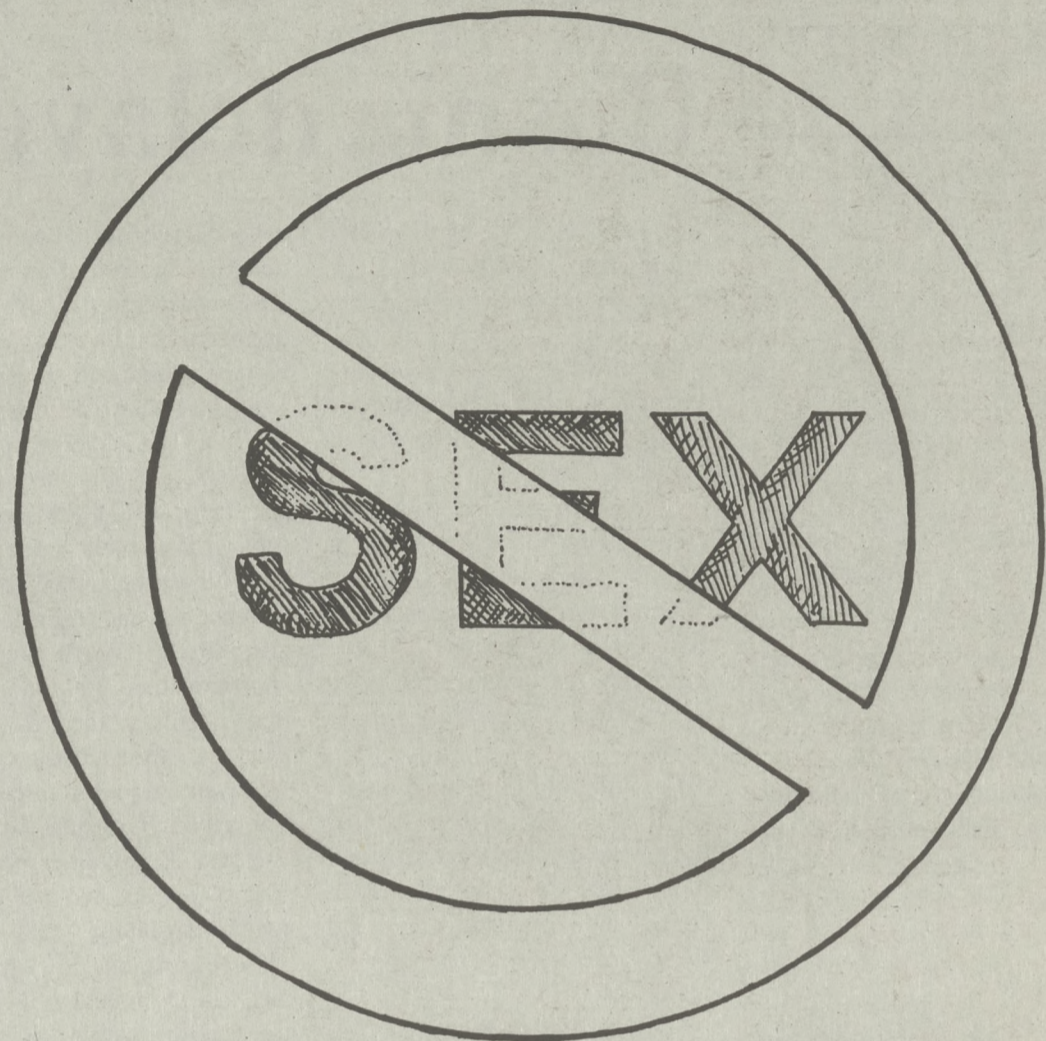
You can't tell just by looking at someone if they are infected with the AIDS virus. If your partner is willing to have unprotected sex with you, chances are they were also willing to have unprotected sex with someone else. The people that they had unprotected sex with, probably also had unprotected sex, and so on. By indulging in unprotected sex, you may be exposing yourself to the sexual activities of hundreds of people.

If you think condoms are sexually unappealing, just think about that!

Condoms are easily available in places ranging from pharmacies to supermarkets to gas stations to night clubs. There is absolutely no excuse not to protect yourself.

As college students especially, we should be smart enough to always remember, "No glove, no love."

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Health watch

Herpes-2: You don't have to pass it on

By JOHN LEVINE
Valley Star Staff Writer

I am not oppressed because of the color of my skin, my religious beliefs, my gender or sexual preference. I am oppressed by capitalism and its extensions.

Not being able to attend school because of a lack of money is oppression. Living in a family that has been struggling to pay bills, keep food on the table, and maintain a healthy sustenance is oppression.

Granted, I am not, and my family is not, in the same class as those living on the streets or in some neighborhoods in this nation, but that does not alleviate the oppression we feel, nor does it separate us into groups with varying "degrees of oppression."

Every day I wake up in a fit of frustrated rage. I am a student of sociology and through my studies, I have come to many realizations regarding the development and

growth of societies, our's in particular.

Any society's development is based on the concepts it is founded on, the manifestations of these concepts, and how they work within five governing institutions: politics, economics, education, religion, and family.

In the United States we have, as the concept behind our economic institution, capitalism. The structural manifestation of capitalism shows in our corporations showing us that capitalism, as a concept, is defunct.

Look out the window. The man standing on the corner holding up a cardboard sign is homeless. The woman sleeping across the street under that tattered blanket is homeless too. Perpetually we encounter the plaguing deficiencies of American capitalism and we still choose to live under that very system.

It is a difficult job to change the status quo, and asking people to step up to the establishment and

challenge it is even more difficult. I don't understand how we can continue to allow things to progress as they are.

America is a nation of the people, by the people and for the people. Do those on the corner, and the thousands upon thousands in similar situations not count as the people? Do the oppressed not count as the people? Were we not the ones who the nation was founded of, by and for?

Does the black population in America count as the people? Do women count? Does anyone who does not fall under the label or guise of the "power elite" not count as the people?

I am sick and I am tired of the oppression. For years, as I was growing up, I claimed to be angry with the numerous acts of oppression I witnessed via the media and my peers. But I never really felt that anger. It was impossible for me to feel that anger until I fell victim to the oppression.

I don't care one way or the other what age, race, sex, color or creed you are. Everyday we arise to a world that is stacked against us.

I have had enough of the ridiculous bloodshed as we fight against ourselves on the streets. We are fighting the wrong battle, and if you think the establishment cares, you are wrong. Why are we killing ourselves?

If we took the energy we all have and focused it in places that initiate change, this oxymoronic war we are fighting would end.

Everyday we invest our time and energy in our survival. Why? We must know somehow that the problems plaguing us are not eternal. We must know that time will prevail. We must know that changes are inevitable. If we did not believe this we would struggle to get out of bed and shotgun sales would skyrocket.

Now we must act on this knowledge and begin to act to cause change.

By DARYL GLINN
Valley Star Staff Writer

A girl walks up to a friend outside Monarch Hall and asks, "Do you have some chapstick?" "Thanks" she says as she covers her mouth, including the cold sore at the corner. Now the friend wonders why he has been diagnosed as having Herpes-1.

It is my opinion that this scenario could happen all too often and can be eliminated with current and factual information that is easily available.

There are two types of Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV). HSV-1 causes "cold sores" on or near the mouth. About 80% of adults in the

U.S. carry it. Type 2 causes genital sores and is known as "genital herpes". 20% of Americans are infected with HSV-2.

The important fact to remember is that both types can infect anywhere on or in the body. Once you have contracted HSV, it takes permanent residence in your body and could easily infect anyone you come into contact with if precautions are not taken.

Do the ones you love and might love a favor, take responsibility and reach out for information about HSV and other sexually transmitted diseases. There are brochures in the Valley College Health Center and a toll-free number you can call: 1-800-227-8922.

Editors Note:

The Valley Star would like to note that in the April 21 article *Be in control, use birth control*, an error was made. Diaphragms are not known to prevent the spread of HIV or the AIDS virus.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

What does the word harassment mean? It means to persistently annoy or bother an individual. I doubt that this was the intention of a professor.

I consider the harassment charges made by a certain student to be as offensive as she claims the "F" word is to her. I also find the "F" word to be vile and degrading. However, if used properly in a college setting, it can be very effective.

I attend college to gain knowledge. Are we not here to learn and develop a sense of understanding even if it sometimes makes us uncomfortable? The freedom of speech our country was founded on will be destroyed. Let us not go

back in time, but forward in understanding and knowledge. Can we not be rational and keep our personal feelings in balance?

A harassment charge is a very serious and damaging accusation. Educators in particular should not take this assault lightly, no matter how absurd it may seem.

Darleen Harris
L.A.V.C. student

Dear Editor:

There's an episode of Murphy Brown in which Miles Silverberg, executive producer of FYI, is misquoted in a popular magazine. Miles, devastated by this almost irrelevant mistake, spends the rest of the show telling everyone within

earshot that he had not said what the writer wrote.

That's how I feel in reading the otherwise excellent article by D.M. Russell in last week's *Star* (*Pat Allen, keyed on making a difference*). I was quoted as saying, "I don't believe people have to be exploited in order to make a profit." Actually, I do believe people have to be exploited to make a profit. In order to make a profit, someone or someones, need to take a loss.

Actually, I wish I could believe that one could make a profit without exploiting anyone else. That would be Camelot. Unfortunately, I live in the real world, and it's not quite so pretty.

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Student continues financial battle

By DAVID HELLESKOV
Valley Star Staff Writer

LAVC student Zachary Tolin who was refused financial aid because he chose not to register for the U.S. Selective Service and has since taken on the Valley College Financial Aid Office. Tolin received a letter from the Selective Service stating that according to a U.S. military act he cannot be denied Federal benefits. However, the letter also stated that Valley's decision would remain final.

Irving B. Weinstein, Vice Chancellor, Educational Services, sent Tolin a letter, denying his application for financial aid, dated March 15, 1994. "After a comprehensive review of all your supporting documentation, we determined that you failed to provide conclusive evidence that you did not knowingly and willfully fail to register for the Selective Service," Weinstein reported. Ralph Black, Acting Vice Chancellor and General Counsel for California community colleges, wrote Martha A. Torgow of the General Counsel, a letter dated April 17, 1994, attempting to keep this issue at the District level. "Mr. Tolin alleges that he was denied the opportunity to file a student grievance as outlined in the district's administrative regulations, which specifically provide that financial aid issues are grievable," said Black. "If this is simply a misunderstanding, then I would suggest that a resolution of this matter be pursued through the district's established grievance procedures." Tolin provided Black with a copy of a letter he sent to John Barnhart on February 9, 1994, in support of his allegation," concluded Black.

Tolin sent a lengthy, yet specific letter to Weinstein, dated April 17, 1994, telling of his intention to

visit Barnhart on Monday morning, April 18, 1994, between 10:00 and 11:00 am, to file a grievance hearing request, expecting to not be denied again. Tolin raise three valid questions: "Why has the District raised the burden of proof on me from 'a preponderance of the evidence' to 'conclusive evidence'?" Secondly, "In what specific areas, does the evidence I have submitted fail to meet the 'preponderance of the evidence' standard in the District's estimation?" Thirdly, "Why was the documentation given deemed unreasonable?"

"The District's actions are arbitrary and malicious, and I've had continued refusal on the part of the district to deny me financial aid." "These actions reflect their personal bias against me for publicising the issue, questioning their authority and appealing to higher agencies within the Department of Education for guidance and clarification." "The District raised the burden of proof from 51% to 99%, making it unconstitutional to impose stricter requirements." According to Tolin, Legal Services says "they're enthusiastic about the case." Lastly, "if I have to, I'll defend myself and if this isn't settled, I'll use litigation," reported Tolin.

Ombudsman Barnhart said, "as far as I know, we (LAVC officials), are supposed to just back out of it, and let the district handle it." "Everything is going to be handled at the district level at this point," concluded Barnhart. Jack Sterk, President, Academic Senate, Los Angeles Valley College, reported "I've been told that the bottom line is whether his (Tolin's) failure to register was willful or not." "Also, I've been told this is a legal issue," concluded Sterk.

Ella Archibeque, Vice President of ASU, said "I've found it is often the case that when someone knows that their actions are questionable, they are remiss to put them in writing." "If the district knew it was acting from an ethically correct position when it told Barnhart to deny Tolin his grievance hearing, then I don't think they would follow their decision with a refusal to allow Mr. Barnhart to put that decision in writing," concluded Archibeque.

Don Graham, President of ASU, said "there's miscommunication and because of a mess of the bureaucratic mentality, a student was denied due process, and consequently his financial aid." "Accessibility, affordability and quality, are the three pillars laid down by the California master plan of higher education, that this institution is built on." "And Mr. Tolin has received none of the three," concluded Graham. Ruth Siegel, Financial Aid Manager at LAVC, said "because of a student's right to privacy, I've been instructed not to comment on the matter at hand," reported Siegel.

"The district is going against its own administrative regulations, and has denied me due process every step of the way, a railroad job," said Tolin. "They're not handling it, they're threatening me, saying shut up and go away; no, I'm gonna fight this thing all the way." "The district has gone against the Department of Education and Federal policy, and I will not stand for this red tape," concluded Tolin. "On Wednesday, April 27, 1994, I'm going down to the Board of Trustees meeting, located at 770 Wilshire Blvd. and Flower, to request a grievance hearing procedure." "The meeting will start at 3:30 pm."



GUS TORRES/VALLEY STAR

Student Zachary Tolin who has been further denied financial aid smiles for cameras.

NEWS NOTES

Illustrated Presentation:

A veteran of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will present a talk entitled "The Battle for the Sepulveda Dam Basin," at a meeting on Monday, May 2, at 3 p.m. in the Cafeteria Conference Room.

Summer Session:

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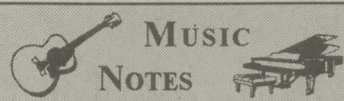
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MARILYN R. GLASSCOCK
Valley Star Staff Writer

Whimsy and artistry combined in the North Wind Quintet performance April 21.

Each member of the quintet had a chance to demonstrate the versatility of the individual instruments in solo work.

Michael Kibbe played a few phrases of the melodic "Danny Boy" on the oboe before plunging into the headlong rush of Buzz (better known as Flight of the Bumblebee) by Rimsky-Korsakov.

Louise Mac Gillivray, the French horn player, first showed the audience where the horn came from. Then she went into the flowing melody of "Memory" from Cats by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The performance concluded with In Winter, a by Michael Kibbe, and a rendition of three songs from Porgy and Bess by Gershwin, arranged by Kibbe.

The North Wind Quintet is a Los Angeles-based ensemble celebrating their 24th season. They have toured Holland, Germany, and Mexico. They are on the performing rosters of the Los Angeles Music Center on Tour, Coleman Chamber Music, and Performing Tree. In 1993 the quintet was featured at Open House At the Hollywood Bowl. Michael Kibbe is a published composer and arranger, with a catalogue of over 100 concert works and 90 arrangements.

This event was part of the 11:00 Thursday morning concerts. Today Caryl Smith is performing on piano.

The Marat/Sade opens the marquis de Valley

By ANDREW SAMUELSON
Valley Star Staff Writer

"Marat/Sade is a cruel and implacable drama-adventure, strange and brutal and memorable in its theatric power," wrote Richard Watts Jr., in the December 28, 1965 edition of the New York Post.

Music and laughter will be heard but the tone will be ironic and somber, when the Theater Arts Department opens *Marat/Sade*, under the direction of Pete Parkin on Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Horseshoe Theater.

The actual title of the play by Peter Weiss, *The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade*, spells out the plot.

The play brings a morbid sense of reality, when the cast (playing lunatics donned in rags who are playing roles in de Sade's play) slumbers around the stage in something out of Night of the Living Dead.

But these characters can talk, and what they are saying between the lines of de Sade's play is that they want bread, a warm place to sleep and something besides the Church doctrine to soothe their restlessness.

"The play shows that revolution is futile," Sean Patrick Riley, who plays the role of Jean Paul Marat said. "It doesn't matter whose in charge because the people still get fucked."

Twenty-eight actors round out the cast. They have had to learn their roles in dual parts: a lunatic

in 1808 and a French Revolutionary in 1793.

"It's a challenge for the actor," Wally Moursi, who plays the role of the herald said. "You act like a character who is insane who is acting like another character."

The setting of the play is 1808 France inside the insane asylum of Charenton.

Under the direction of the Marquis de Sade (played by Louis Ardenas), who sado-masochism was named for, the play depicts the assassination of the revolutionary, Jean-Paul Marat by Charlotte Corday (played by Susan Richley).

The actors in de Sade's play are inmates of Charenton.

They perform in front of a crowd of bourgeois, who had been invited by the asylum's director Coulmier (played by Jeff Gafford), to show the advancement he had made in treating the patients with therapy through the arts.

Although the lunacy of the characters spills over the dual roles, the irony of the people being short-changed by a new set of rulers is perpetuated by the herald and even by the Coulmier.

Time and again, Coulmier interrupts de Sade's play to remind the characters and the audience that "times have changed.. times are different."

Poignant dialogue exchanged between de Sade and Marat, about who the revolution was for, reiterate the social tensions and class rift.

This all may get lost when the characters in the asylum get carried away with their roles and leave the stage to gawk, sneer and sit down with the audience.

The intimacy of the Horseshoe Theater, which encircles the stage and seats eighty may give the audience the impression of being "trapped inside the asylum with the lunatics," Parkin said.

The theater has been transformed into the Charenton Asylum, with gray paint splashed on the floor and walls and a steel-wired cage that can hold the entire cast, protruding from the front of the stage.

"It'll be a visceral experience for the audience because of the proximity with the actors, where they can reach out and touch the audience," Parkin said. "If someone gets offended or it's too tough to listen to, then that's fine with me."

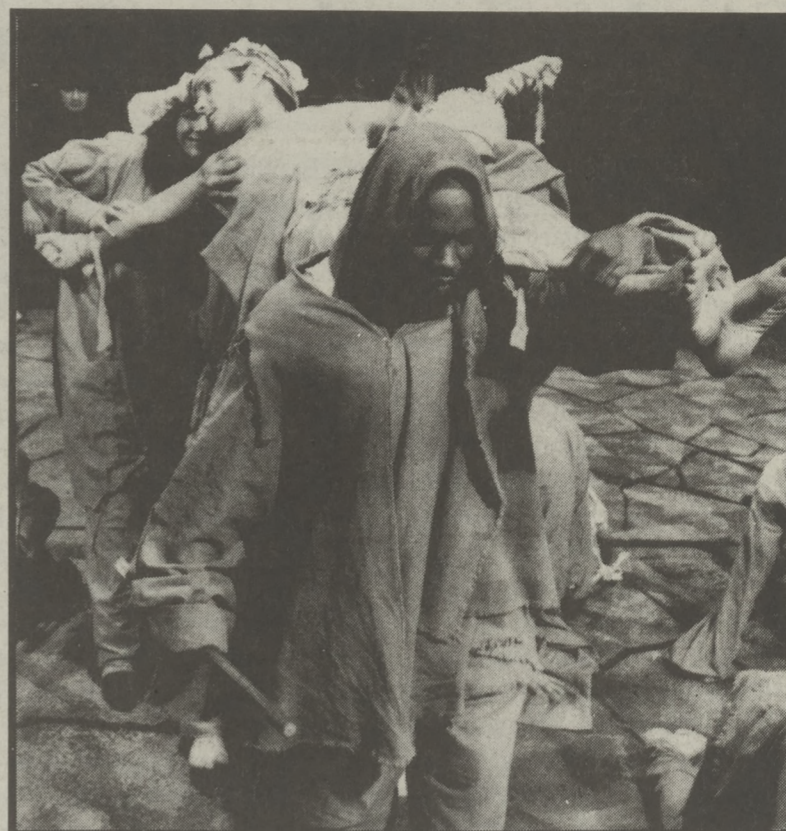
The musical director for the play is Paul Horner, who has worked on Broadway musicals and recently wrote and directed *Suddenly This Summer*.

Horner said he went into the rehearsals with the students exactly like he would if he was doing a Broadway play.

"It's exciting trying to make non-professionals sound like they are professionals," Horner said.

He has rehearsed with the actors every Tuesday and when he has not been there, Marjorie Vander Hoff (who plays Rossignol) helped the other student actors on their rhythm and melody.

"It's the kind of music that's different," Vander Hoff said. "There's not familiar melodies like in Hello Dolly."



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Jabar Lewis carries bier with Sean Patrick Riley in *Marat/Sade*

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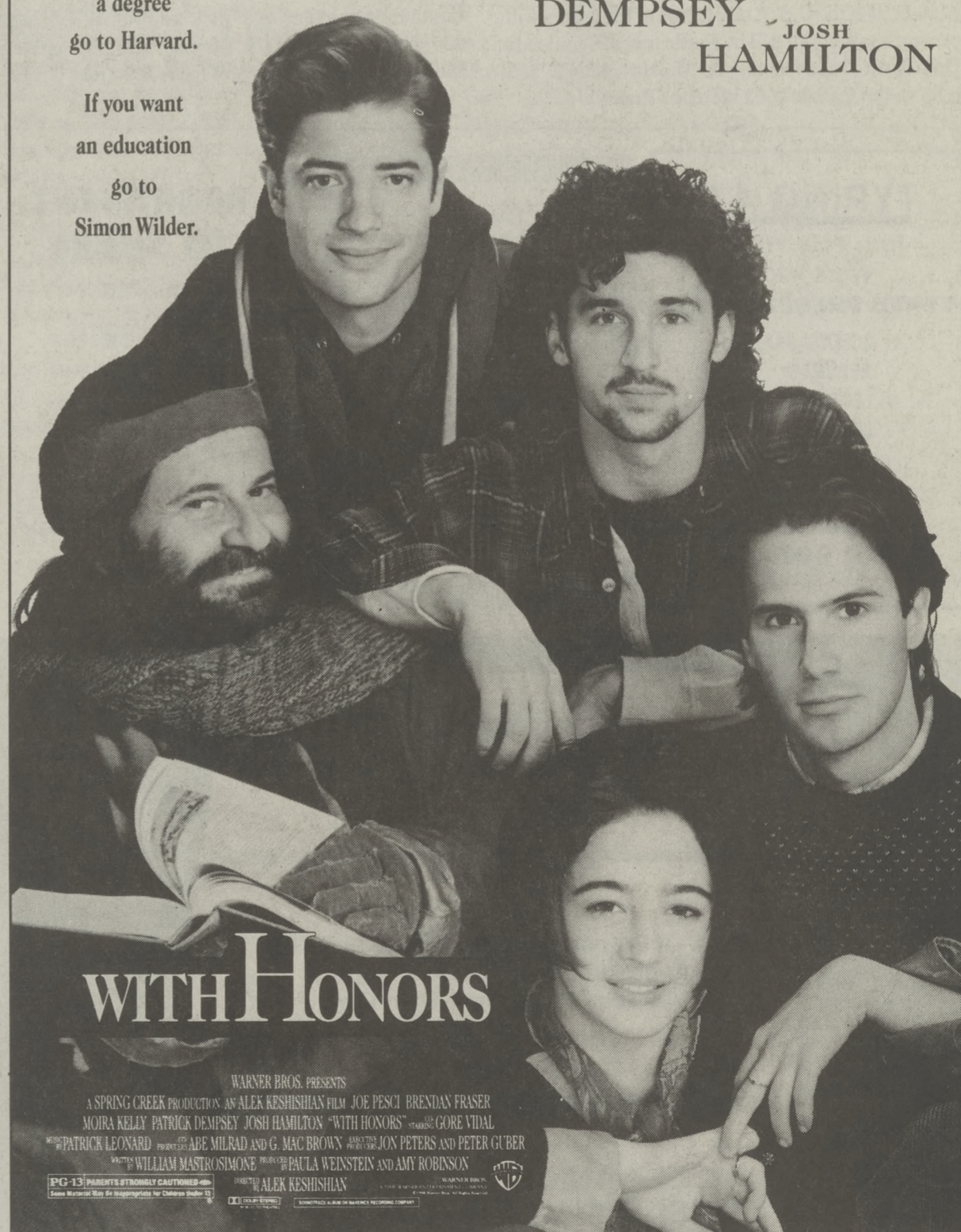
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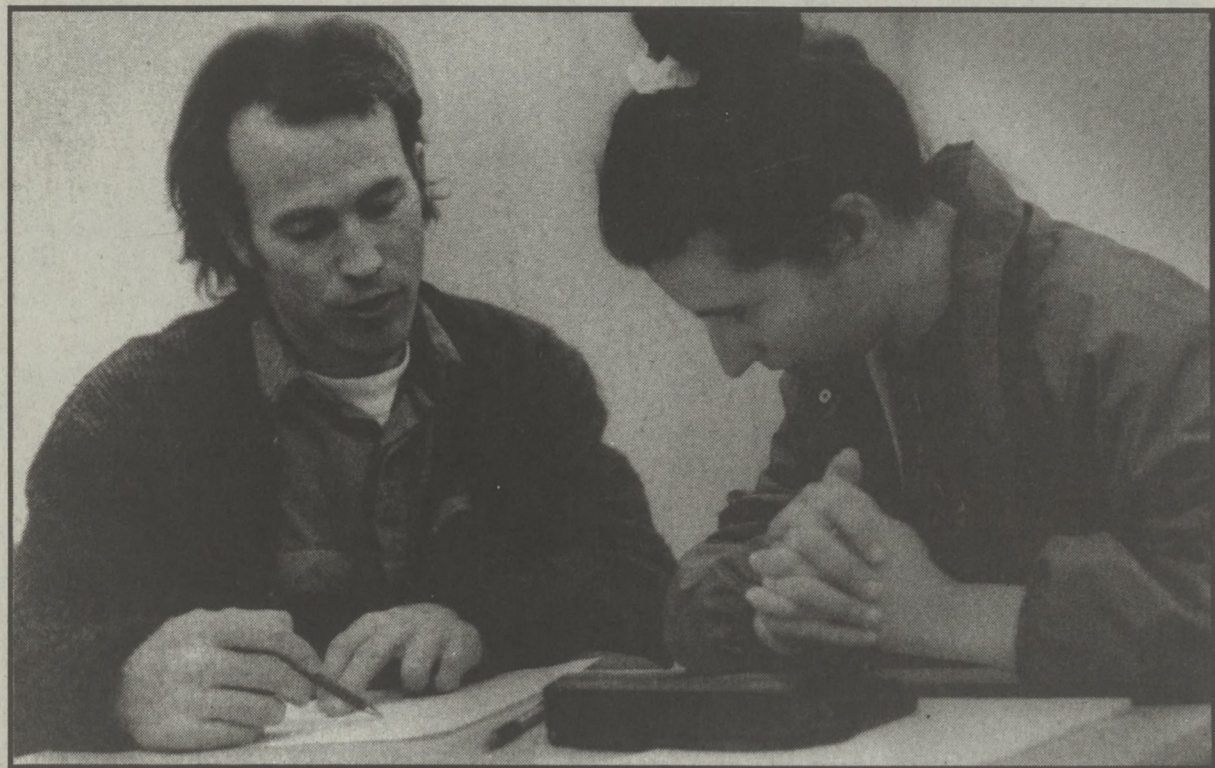


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Write on: Writing Center opens house today



Chris Hassett, a tutor in the writing center assists wanting students.

DARYL GLINN/Valley Star

By CHARLOTTE BOBLOW
Valley Star Staff Writer

Along with the English Department, The Patrons Association of Los Angeles Valley College, and The Alliance for the Advancement of Education, the Valley College writing center will offer an open house today at 11 a.m. in Humanities, 100.

Early this spring the one-on-one Writing Centers began. Students receive one-on-one help in Humanities, Room 100 and English/Math Science, Computer Center 106. The assistance is free. Varied time slots from Monday through Saturday, give flexibility and ease.

One student relaxes on the couch, another reviews essays at

the table, as Rosemary Matevossian gets her support. Matevossian comes for guidance because she's a student with English as a second language (ESL). "If I read my work aloud with an assistant I do better than when I'm alone," she says.

Matevossian receives aid from Michael Gregory, one of the 26 tutors from both Writing Centers. Gregory does more than correct assignments. He urges students to learn and improve. Gregory glances at Matevossian's report then asks, "What did your teacher ask you to write?" When he learns that the topic deals with comparisons and contrasts, he studies the document. In soft tones he explores, "What is it that you want to convince me?" Noting her

ideas, he helps this ESL student organize and clarify the words.

Meet Harry Slaughter another aide who directs students through problem spots, posing ways to gain success. To help arrange complete thoughts instead of fragmented and run-on sentences, he urges dictionary and thesaurus usage.

Slaughter expresses a view of many tutors. "While some may only need a few minutes of help, others need an extensive period, and if I'm not busy I'll allow more time to the person."

Within the Writing Center's warm, peach walls, and bright, training sessions focus on new goals. Lenny Leftitz, professor of English 28, 87 and 102, stresses his objectives. "I require students

with Cs and Ds to come here." Emphasizing the need for their help in version, Leftitz says, "If they improve their work, the grade goes up."

Marina Gonzalez, a tutor responds to an unrealistic wish of some students. "If they're here at 5:30 p.m. and the project's due for a 7 p.m. class, I tell them straight out, 'I think you're going to have to speak to your professor to get an extension, because you can't submit it this way, and I can't rewrite it for you.'" Steven Whitney, Writing Center Manager suggests such details should be logged on the conference report.

Whitney points to an outlet with ready-to-connect circuitry for the new interactive equipment of the hub machine linking computers. Like a port or a hub of a wheel, it sends out data in all directions.

This new Interactive Technology was headlined in the Newsweek May 1993 issue hinting, "It will put the world at your fingertips..." Term papers will never be the same.

The processing of information is already in use. Therefore, Whitney projects the future sharing of data in Valley College and the gaining of more data from the Library of Congress to other vital places around the globe.

Los Angeles Valley College Writing and Computer Centers are funded from the Alliance for the Advancement of Education (AAE). Arnold Davis, President of AAE gives reasons for this choice.

LAVC has a diverse campus with the returning pupil and the

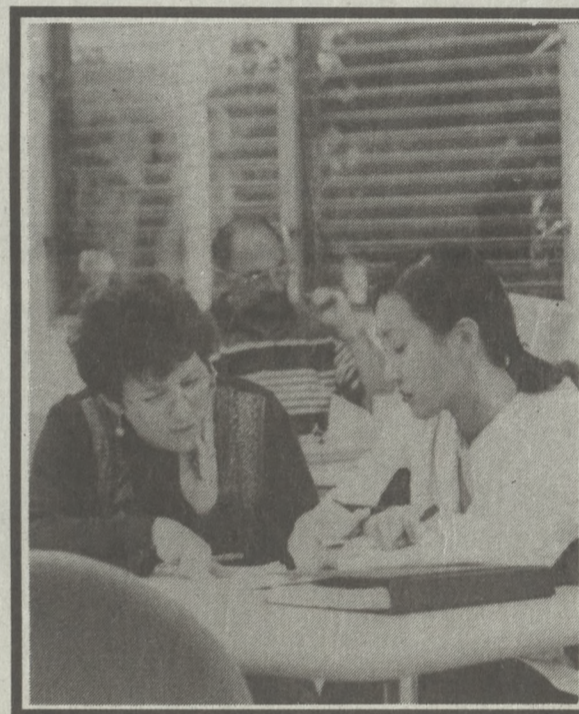
ESL educated student. Writing Centers give one-on-one educational help, so impractical in the classroom. Tutors gain useful skills of interacting between people. Finally, Davis talks of the centers empowering students with ways of correcting their own papers, developing their own ideas. "I look at myself as a facilitator," Davis says. "Hopefully our foundation will help with expanding technology capabilities of the center." "Later," he goes on, "Computers can aid with spelling and editing, but time will be needed to training tutors and direct students."

Thus a grant of \$200,000 provides innovative education of students, as well as instructive grants to professors. Two professors are working to train students to write better. Margaret Freeman is developing an English style manual. Rod Moore created two hyper card programs with reading methods for ESL students. Moore says, "ESL students need an audience to communicate their writing."

Writing Center aides qualify by achieving an "A" in English 101 and the carrying

12 enrollment units. Rhonda Eisner Language Instructional Assistant, Humanities Room 100 and her 20 tutors inspire pupils to work from an idea, to outlining and development of drafts, revision and final copies. Eisner tells of a student who seemed frustrated. "But by the time she left, she was smiling."

Within the Computer Center, Room 106 are 36 Macintosh SE computers. Here Grady Bourn, Language Skills Instructional Assistant and six other tutors help pupil Bourn says, "Sometimes mature people who never used a computer in their life feel anxious at first. But, by the end of the semester they're as proficient as anyone else."



VINCENT NICOLETTI/Valley Star

Rhonda Eisner, tutor (left), helps Sayuri Kikuchi, student (right) with an assignment.

It's all about living purrfectly in the lap of luxury

Alex, a stray campus cat, hits it big in the Reprographics Department

By DARYL GLINN
Valley Star Staff Writer

He's a jolly fellow, all grey with white whiskers. You can usually find him hanging out with the folks at the Reprographics Department. His name is Alex and it has been heard that his favorite food is tuna. Alex never used to be fussy because, being a bachelor, he had to fend for himself. Lately he has become more finicky. Perhaps because he always knows where his next meal is coming from.

"Old Alex has been earning his keep lately. He has caught three rats and laid them out so we could find them," says Max Hughes, the man who has befriended this year-old campus stray. Alex started out as a wild cat, one of a litter from a wild mother campus cat. What separates Alex from the other campus cats is the company he keeps. Hughes and friends have given this particular stray lots of love and affection, in turn winning Alex's loyalty.

"Alex just came in the office a few minutes ago and gave me hell," laughs Hughes. "He yelled at me until I got up to come outside and play. He knows what he wants

when he wants it," continues Hughes. Tied outside the door to the office is a white string for Alex to play with. He has a box to sleep in, and he is fed daily. His veterinary care, including shots and neutering, have also been provided for.

"Alex has gotten pretty smart," says Hughes. He has learned how to obtain food for his mom, pop, and siblings by crying for more, eating a few bites, and disappearing, only to have one of his family finish it off, Hughes explains.

All the campus cats, near 200, are doing well. They are fed regularly, and good health leads to reproduction. If all of the female

"There is a woman named Mary on campus who obtains live traps to catch the strays on the weekends. She then takes them to be fixed," says Hughes.

There is a network on campus that is leading a crusade to level out the growing cat population on campus and find them good homes. Dr. Adriane Zahler of Speech Broadcasting is one of the members. "Our way-station though is Penny Pollard," she says. Pollard rescues kittens if the mother cat has been hurt and helps them into homes. "The trouble is, she's overextended and can not take responsibility for any more animals," says Zahler.

with the belief that it will be cared for is doing something reprehensible. "That person ought to be dropped off in a strange place and then have to fend for itself to see what it feels like," says Zahler.

On the other side of the story, there is Ashley, Alex's sister. She has been missing since Christmas and is terribly missed and worried over. Both the Reprographics Department and the friends at the "cat network" would greatly appreciate any information about a grey female calico. "Just leave a note to either party so we know she is being loved and cared for," Hughes says.

It is the goal of the Reprographics Department and the network to spay and neuter most of the campus strays. "It is good to have a few cats to help keep the rodent population down. 'Alex already has three rats and two mice this year,'" says Zahler.

If you want to receive a cat from the network try calling Penny Pollard at 781-1200 ext. 476 or Adriane Zahler at ext. 236.

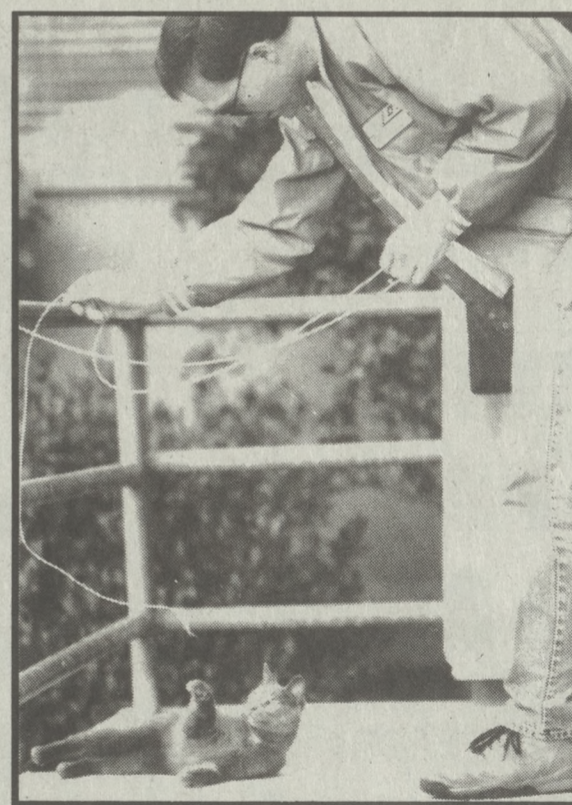
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Max Hughes, Alex's feeder and friend

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Alex, (the furry one lying down) looks thoroughly unenthralled by the string

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Norman-less Monarchs have decent showing in Western States Conference Prelims

By HAROLD BROWN
Valley Star Staff Writer

Friday afternoon April 22 at Bakersfield Community College, the Western State Conference held its preliminary qualification in track and field for men and women. The schools participating were Cuesta, College of the Canyons, Glendale, Moorpark, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Ventura, LA Valley, West LA, and the host Bakersfield.

Top qualifiers from each event will compete Saturday April 30 in the WSC finals starting 2 p.m. at Bakersfield.

Valley College though not as strong as in the past, where it used to dominate this event, settled for a respectable showing. They did not field a complete team for all

events but in events they participated most qualified for the finals. Those that qualified for the fi-

"We are going to have a great day... Fort, Swain and Hutchison have to step up and we'll win."

-James Harvey

nals were: for the women Traycie Kusal in the 100 and 400 meter hurdles. "She is a good athlete, we

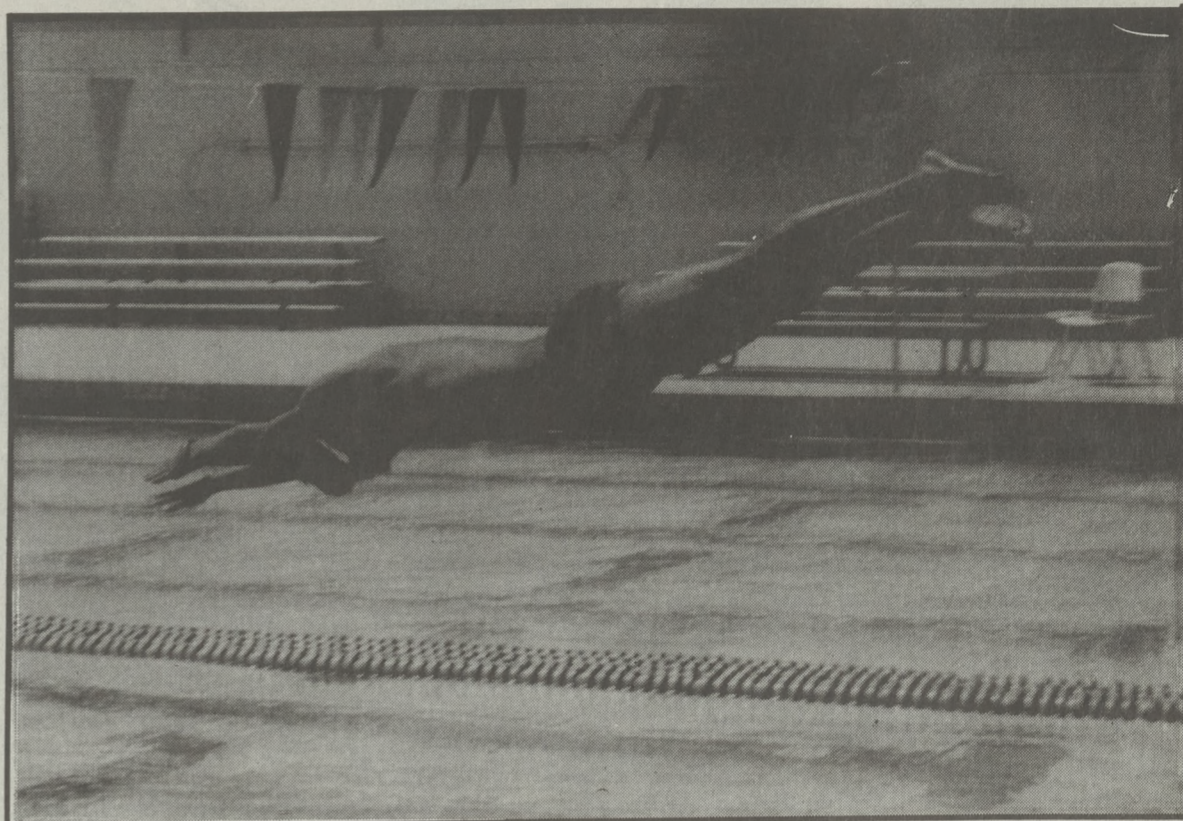
recruited her late because of volleyball," said Richard Hardin assistant coach.

Drucella Davis and Silvia Batayan in the long jump and Dianne Lakatta in the shot put.

The men that qualified were Randy Fort and Chris Swain in 110 meter high hurdles, 400 meter hurdles, and Fort in the long jump. Eric Hutchinson in the 100 and 200 meters, Kenyo Alvarez in the 800 meters. John Peterson in the long jump and javelin.

The men did not have anyone participate in any field events. Events they were not run Friday were the relays which will be run in the finals.

"We are going to have a great day," said head coach Harvey. "Fort, Swain, and Hutchison have to all step up and we'll win."



JEFF SIMMONS/Valley Star

Gilbert Chamah and the rest of the Los Angeles Valley College Monarchs swim teams are getting ready to host the Western States Conference Championships from Thursday, April 28 to Saturday, April 30, at the Valley College pool. The State Championships will be from Thursday, May 5 to Saturday, May 7, at Cypress College.



H.C. VAN URFALIAN/Valley Star

The Valley College Monarchs have five games remaining in the season and are still alive in the playoff race.

Monarchs fall to 10-10 with five games remaining in the regular season

The Valley College Monarchs baseball team lost a Western States Conference game to arch rival Pierce 8-5, on Saturday, April 23 at Pierce College.

Ozzie Areau slammed a two-run homerun in a losing cause. The Monarchs downed their record to 10-10 going into the last five games of the season. Valley is still alive

for a possible playoff berth.

Valley's game against Bakersfield was called due to rain on Tuesday, April 26. It will be made up sometime next week.

The Monarchs will visit Glendale on Thursday, and Santa Monica on Saturday, before returning home to end the regular season.

-compiled by

Paul Yoffe

Sports Notes

Swimming

Valley College will host the Western States Conference Championship swim meet from Thursday to Saturday.

Track

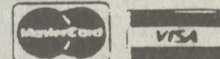
The Valley College track team will be at Bakersfield for the Western States Conference Finals on Saturday.

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